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GERMANS UNABLE TO BREAK FRENCH LINE

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FRENCH COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW THEIR WINGS

Teutons Are Inspired by the Presence of Their Emperor and Are Led by the German Crown Prince, Frederick William—Germans Are Forcing the Fighting, Seemingly Regardless of the Cost of Life—French Guns Have Answered the German Guns Shell for Shell, and the Casualties on Both Sides Are Very Great—On the Russian Front There Have Been Engagements From the Riga Region to East Galicia. With No Great Results.

Inspired by the presence of their emperor, and led by Crown Prince Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the front centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack has succeeded in driving the French line after bombardments, incessant and terrific, continuing for several days.

While the Germans have not been able, despite the rain of shells and furious onslaughts by the infantry, to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samouneux, six miles north of the fortress.

Intensity of Artillery Fire.

Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been any diminution in the intensity of the artillery fire. With Brahan, Haumont and Samouneux and the wooded sections north and northeast of Beaumont in their possession, the Germans are forcing the fighting, seemingly regardless of the cost of life.

French Answer Germans Shell for Shell.

The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the casualties on both sides are very great. The French official report describes the battlefield between the Meuse and Ornes as piled with German dead.

In Champagne at several points and in the Argonne forest German works have been pounded by the concentrated fire of the French guns, while in Lorraine the French repulsed a German reconnoitering party which attempted to capture a French post north of St. Martin.

On the Russian Front.

On the Russian front from the Riga region to East Galicia there have been engagements at various points, but no great results have been attained by either side. In the Caucasus, Petrograd reports that the Russians continue successfully to press back the German reconnoitering party which attempted to capture a French post north of St. Martin.

French Air Squadron Drops Bombs.

A French air squadron has dropped a large number of bombs on the outskirts of Metz, a big fire being observed after the attack.

Official announcement has been made in the Japanese diet by the minister of foreign affairs that Japan does not intend to send troops to aid the Russians.

The Earl of Derby has accepted the chairmanship of the joint army and navy board, which will control the British air service.

PRESENT NO TIME FOR PLEDGING STATE DELEGATION.

Gov. McCall Told Diners at the Bristol County Republican Banquet.

NEW WAGE SCALE FOR SOFT COAL MINERS.

Prospects Are Bright For an Early Agreement.

New York, Feb. 24.—Prospects for an early agreement on a new wage scale for the soft coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were pronounced much brighter today after the adjournment of the conference of operators and organized mine workers from those states.

The miners, it was learned, have been given to understand that they may have a wage scale which would be a demand which has deadlocked the mine owners and their employees for nearly two weeks.

WAR OF PLOT TO BLOW UP A BLUE FUNNEL LINER.

Seattle City Authorities Doubled Guards at Certain Piers.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Dock owners and operators were warned today by city authorities against a possible plot to destroy the Blue Funnel liner Tallahylin, enroute here with a cargo of rubber, silk and other staples valued at \$3,500,000.

\$9,000 WORTH OF FEATHERS ARE TO BE DESTROYED.

Taken From Abraham Kallman on the Charge of Smuggling.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 24.—Nearly a thousand bird of paradise feathers valued at \$9,000, which the government recovered at Laredo after making a charge of smuggling against Abraham Kallman, of New York, will be destroyed, District Attorney Green said today.

HAD SET FIRE TO THIRTY APARTMENT HOUSES.

Joseph Putter, 20, of New York, Sent to Elmira Reformatory.

New York, Feb. 24.—Joseph Putter, 20 years old, pleaded guilty today to having set fire to thirty apartment houses in the East Side during the last two years.

Movements of Steamships.

Cabled Paragraphs

No Japanese Troops to Assist Russia.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—The foreign minister, Baron Ishii, denied in the diet today that Japan intends to send troops to the assistance of Russia.

MAN ARRESTED AT TAMPA BELIEVED TO BE LYMAN.

Who is Wanted in New York for Alleged Defalcations of More Than \$300,000.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 24.—A man answering the description of J. Grant Lyman, wanted in New York for alleged defalcations of more than \$300,000, was arrested today on a yacht at St. Petersburg, Fla. He declined to answer questions as to his identity.

The man was said to have with him on the yacht several trunks and suitcases containing an elaborate wardrobe, \$14,905 in cash and a certified check for \$5,964, payable to the bearer and drawn on the Manhattan company of New York.

The man whose name was given as "Smith" and "Olsen," and who, the police say, recently brought the vessel here from Chicago.

BRIDGEPORT POLICE SEARCHING FOR CRONES.

Poison Suspect is Said to Have Worked Half a Day in a Hotel Kitchen.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 24.—The police are making a search here tonight for a man believed to be a Crone, wanted in Chicago for the alleged poisoning of the soup at a banquet at the University Club there on Feb. 10.

44 YEAR OLD MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY.

Man Without a Home Broke Shop Window to Get an Overcoat.

New York, Feb. 24.—Charles Miller, 44 years old, who said he had no home, was arrested today, charged with burglary in having broken the window of the Wallace Brothers' clothing store at 265 Broadway, with a stone and taken an overcoat.

NORTHERN PACIFIC NORTH COAST LIMITED HELD UP.

Engine Crew Compelled to Haul Baggage and Mail Cars Into Forest.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—The Northern Pacific coast limited north coast limited train was held up tonight a mile and a half east of Covington, 25 miles east of Seattle. The robbers decoupled the baggage and mail cars and compelled the engine crew to haul the two cars up the track into a mountain forest.

CONDITIONS OF FLOOD IN LOUISIANA TOWNS.

Appeals From Towns Not Previously Reported in Distress.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 24.—Reports of vastly improved conditions among flood victims in the vicinity of New Orleans and St. Joseph were offset tonight by appeals for aid from three Louisiana towns which recently had not been reported in distress.

BRITISH ILES SWEEP BY SEVERE SNOW STORM.

Ten Lives Were Lost and Extensive Damage Done to Shipping.

London, Feb. 25, 3.23 a. m.—Ten lives were lost and extensive damage done to shipping as a result of yesterday's snow storm which swept the British Isles.

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Men Blown Into the Water.

Outward bound for her home port, Provincetown, the schooner had stopped off the fish pier in South Boston to take on a stock of gasoline from an oil barge.

FARMER KILLED IN DISPUTE OVER LOGS.

Father and Two Sons Arrested, Charged With Crime.

Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 24.—In a dispute over the ownership of logs, Albert C. Gibson, a farmer of Sharon, was killed today.

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Investigation of Milford Wreck Begun by Interstate Commerce Commission and State Public Utilities Commission.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24.—Testimony that three men were in the engine cab of the New York New Haven and Hartford railroad train, at high speed, a signal set at "caution" against it Tuesday, just before it had plunged into the stalled Connecticut River Express in Milford, was given today at the joint hearing of the interstate commerce commission and the state public utilities commission.

One of the witnesses said that this running past signals was "a common occurrence."

A Third Man in Cab.

Further testimony was to the effect that a third man was in the engine cab of the extra train with Engineer W. R. Curtis and Fireman McGinnis, who is contrary to the rule.

Failure of Signal System to Work.

Other evidence adduced today was that the signals on the stretch of track involved in the disaster were in good working condition before and after the accident.

However, it was testified that there have been complaints of the failure of the signal system to work properly, these averaging about one a week.

In five or six instances, it was testified since the installation of the system, signals have shown what is known as "false clear."

Engineers, signal men, trainmen and other employees of the company were among the witnesses. Most of their testimony related to the operation of the signal system and the interpretation of the rules governing engineers.

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Condensed Telegrams

The British Embassy at Washington denied the reports of an Indian mutiny in India.

The American Brass Co. of Waterbury has given its employees a further advance of 5 per cent.

Shipping in New York harbor was seriously hampered, and in some cases tied up by a heavy fog.

The International Mill & Lumber Co.'s plant at Bay City, Mich., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$250,000.

Since the beginning of the war, the Allies have captured 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa.

Gold coin to the amount of \$100,000 was withdrawn from the New York Sub Treasury for shipment to Mexico.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin will establish on March 1 a new auxiliary kitchen for persons in need.

Pope Benedict is reported to be planning to publish soon a document condemning aerial and submarine warfare.

Demanding increased wages, 2,300 employees of the station agents and telegraphers of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad.

A 10 per cent. increase in wages has been granted to the station agents and telegraphers of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad.

The bodies of 55 victims of the snowslide in the Salzburg Alps were buried in one great tomb at Bischofben, Salzburg, Germany.

W. E. Cochran, postoffice inspector in charge of New York, has asked the Chicago police to look out for John Grant Lyman, for fraud.

The British steamship Strathelyde, Philadelphia for Manchester, was towed into Queenstown. No one was allowed to board the vessel.

Serious damage was caused when the Jap steamship Tenyo Maru ran ashore off Shinonoseki, Japan. Part of the cargo has been jettisoned.

Sweden has arranged with England for the importation of more coal, the issue at the State Insane Asylum at Woodmont, and probably the last man alive, testified that the signal at the Woodmont collision, which was set at "caution" against Curtis' train.

King Nicholas of Montenegro, who holds the rank of Russian general, and was offered the command of a Russian army corps by Czar Nicholas.

A gas well producing about 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily has been struck near Lesnot Farm near New Castle, Pa., by the Ellwood City Oil & Gas Co.

Vice Admiral Reinhardt Scheer has been appointed commander of the German fleet, succeeding Admiral von Pohl, who retired because of illness.

Ignace Paderewski, pianist and John Smulski, a Chicago banker, called at the State Department to arrange for the distribution of relief supplies in Poland.

Mrs. Eva Yorks, aged 65, of Brentford, was killed by a Pennsylvania train near the State Insane Asylum at Farmhurst, Md., from where she had escaped.

Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs, attended a Cabinet meeting for the first time in his capacity as Minister of Blockade.

Calvin S. Demarest, billiardist reported dead at the State Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Ill., is alive and well, according to officials of the institutions.

United States Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa, filed affidavits with the secretary of State of Iowa as a candidate for President on the Republican ticket.

The White Star liner Canopic, arriving from the Pacific, collided with the schooner Marcus L. Urann, at anchor in New York harbor. Both ships were slightly damaged.

A gift of \$1,000 has been donated by the Marquis d'Ornane for distribution among the members of the gun crew that shot down the Zeppelin "L Z 7" near Bar e Duc on Monday.

The Navy Department and the Department of Justice have begun an investigation into an alleged German secret wireless station in the White Mountains in New England.

Jason S. Haines, of Trumbull, was placed on trial in the criminal superior court at Bridgeport before Judge James Webb, of New Haven charged with murder of his wife.

Federal Judge Meek at Dallas, Tex., ruled that he has no jurisdiction in the suit of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York for the appointment of a receiver for the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

Secretary Daniels denied that he has permitted delay in construction of the United States submarine Schley, the largest undersea boat in the world. Its contract calls for completion by March 19, 1918.

The name of Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Neb., former United States senator, Nebraska, was formally filed to be placed on the primary ballot as candidate for the republican nomination for vice president.

A life saver at a public beach, even if he does not accept money for his services, is a professional, according to a ruling of the Chicago A. A. U. yesterday. The decision hit four Chicago tank stars.

Roosevelt Party at Barbados.

Barbados, B. W. I., Feb. 24.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here today and proceeded to Demerara, British Guiana. They will proceed from Demerara to Trinidad, where they will take a steamer direct to New York. Both are in good health.

Wilson Strong for Americans' Right

TO TRAVEL ON ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS OF BELLIGERENTS.

WITH NO ABRIDGEMENT

Places Himself Squarely on Record in Opposition to Acceptance of Policy of Central Powers to Sink Armed Merchantmen Without Warning.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson cannot consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect, he asserted in a letter tonight to Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. The president's letter was written at the end of two days of agitation in congress for action warning Americans off armed merchantmen.

Honor and Self-Respect Involved.

"The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved," he said, "in the coveit peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

The president expressed the hope that explanation of the declared intentions of the central European powers to sink all armed merchant ships without warning would put a different aspect on a situation which now seemed to present insuperable obstacles.

"We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past," he added, "and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future."

Letter in Answer to Senator Stone.

The letter was in answer to one written late this afternoon by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing at the capitol, where since yesterday morning persistent demands had been made for some action which might lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany.

PORTUGUESE SEIZE VESSELS INTERNED AT LISBON.

Hoist Their Flag on 36 Ships of the Central Powers.

Lisbon, Feb. 25, via Paris, Feb. 24, 12.40 p. m.—The commander of the naval division here, at four o'clock this afternoon, apparently of his own initiative, took forcible possession of thirty-six German and Austrian vessels lying in the Tagus river, hoisted the Portuguese colors on them, and saluted them with a twenty-one-gun salute from the forts.

It is said that the act of Captain Leote Rego, in seizing the German and Austrian ships interned at Lisbon, was wholly unexpected by the governing authorities, who were unaware of the step until it had been carried out. Captain Rego directed the operation from the destroyer Guadiana.

GERMAN SEA RAIDER IN ATLANTIC LANE.

Italian Liner Was Given Warning by Wireless.

New York, Feb. 24.—The possibility of a German sea raider being at large in the North Atlantic was suggested when the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi on her arrival from Halifax, reported that she had received a warning from Halifax by wireless telegraphy to be on the lookout for such a vessel. On her last outward voyage, the Giuseppe Verdi received a similar warning as she approached Gibraltar.

The message from Halifax, which was received a day before yesterday, gave no details, the officers said, to the probable location of the raider.

MODIFYING BAY STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ACT.

No Names on Ballot Unless Consent of Such Candidate in Writing.

Boston, Feb. 24.—The house agreed with the senate today in passing a bill modifying the presidential primary act so that the names of candidates for the party nominations for president may not appear on the ballot for convention delegates unless the consent of such candidates is obtained in writing.

The bill passed the house after two hours' debate. Opposition to it was based on the claim that it tended to prevent a state-wide expression of opinion as to presidential candidates and that party nominees desiring to vote for republican candidates might have no opportunity of doing so in view of the "written consent" clause.

FAKE RUMOR SENT PRICE OF WHEAT DOWN.

Dropped Seven Cents at Chicago on Report German Ambassador Had Been Handed His Passports.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A rumor, which was denied, but which, while it was current on the board of trade near the close of the day, sent the price of wheat down seven cents will be investigated by a committee of the board, it was stated tonight.